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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51(b), 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants draw the Examiner's attention to the two documents that appear listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. A copy of the U.S. patent document is not enclosed, however a copy of the non-U.S. patent document is enclosed.

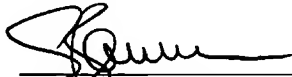
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Applicants request a prompt and favorable examination of the instant application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone at (860) 571-5001 or by facsimile at (860) 571-5028. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the address given below.

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